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Dr. Jane E. Henney,

I am very concerned about the safety of the food I choose to eat. It has come to my attention that some of the food I eat may be genetically altered and I would not know about it. I believe it is my right as a consumer to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered. Such foods pose unknown risks to the environment, to family farmers, and to my health and the health of my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labels of food that has been genetically altered. Consumers should not be made unknowing guinea pigs in the industry's experiments with potentially dangerous foods.

I am eager to hear that the FDA is living up to its mandate to protect public health and will ensure that consumers have the information they need to make an informed choice when selecting food to eat.

Sincerely,

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